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POVERTY'S THOROUGHFARE.

A Tour Among Scenes of Wretchedness and Despair.

Cold and Starvation Enter into a Hideous Partnership.

What Is Being Done by the Charitable to Relieve Distress.

Investigations by the Police-Pound Parties and Other Entertainments.

Some of the most extreme cases of destitu tion and suffering in this city are located in that section bordering on Half street, where Southeast and Southwest Washington meet.

A reporter of THE REPUBLICAN accompanied a physician of the poor yesterday on his dismal rounds among the hovels of Half street. Squalor and poverty abounded on errect. Squalor and poverty abounded on every side. Starvation and sickness—grim companions—went hand in hand, and the pitiless blasts of frosty winter found entrance into many dilapidated tenements through patched walls and gaping apertures. Faces pinched by hunger looked beseechingly from nearly every window. beseechingly from nearly every window as the doctor and reporter strede by them. Half clad children with pans and baskets containing cinders were frequent spectacles. Even the neighborhood dogs looked gaunt and thin from hunger as they nosed about in search of stray bones. The shanty of an old colored woman was

finally reached. It is situated on the banks of the old canal, and looked as though the storms of many years head seasoned its rusty exterior. A knock on the door brought the response, in a feeble voice, "Come in." The sight inside was pitiful in the extreme. On an old bedstead, covered with black and greasy bedding, lay an aged and emaciated colored woman, whose whitened wool had been bleached by the snows and winds of nearly seventy bleak winters. She was motionless and helpless by reason of a stroke of paralysis. It is situated on the banks

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"Hungry, cold, and paralyzed," said the physician, "and I might add alone, for this child, (pointing to a puny pickaninny that sat shivering by a cinder fire) is her sole companies."

After promising the old invalid relief the After promising the old invalid relief the reporter visited several other very destitute families in the same vicinity. A respectable white mechanic was found confined to his bed. He was in the last stages of consumption, and the sight of his half clad and half fed wife and children in the squalid apartment was heartrending to behold. An old colored couple, "all crippled up wid rheumatism," to use their own expression, and thoroughly destitute hesides pression, and thoroughly destitute, besides many other cases of extreme want and suffer-jug were found on poverty's thoroughfare—

half street.
"This is a very good field for charity," said
the dector, as he bade the reporter good
day and passed out of sight through the
creaking door of an adjacent shanty to attend

one of his charity patients.

The activity displayed by the citizens of Washington in relieving the distress of the poor is not only commendable, but is enerpoor is not only commendable, but is energetic. A vigorous search for destitute persons is being made. Ladles in the first circles of vociety are earnestly, though unostentatiously, seeking for such cases and relieving them. The police are actively engaged in the good work, and the Associated Charities are relieving all that come under their observation. There is still room, however, for further exertion. The charty committee will meet this evening at 6:30 o'clock at 1324 F street.

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Twenty-five families have been furnished with fuel and groceries within the last forty-eight hours by Lieut. Greer, of the eighth precinct, and about fifty applications w on file to investigated and relieved The most of the applicants are women and

At the seventh precinct fifty-six families have been relieved since Monday morning since Monday morning last by Lieut, Gessford with fuel and grocer ies, besides 100 loaves of bread, were distributed by the licutenant. Several articles of cast-off clothing, which were left at the station, were given out. Over 100 applications for relief were received yesterday.
The various concerts, pound parties, enter-tainments, and subscriptions given have gone

very far to alleviate the misery and among the needy. Other projects are still in mind. Among them may be mentioned the pound party which will be given by Prof. Shelden on the twenty-first instant, and also the grand concert at Abner's, both of which ise much, and no doubt large sums will

Upon the invitation of Mr. Spofford, of the Riggs house, the lady guests of the hotel assembled yesterday in the private parlor, and after the meeting had been called to order Mr. Spofford amounced that he was prepared to place at their disposal his entire house and a full orchestral band, to be used for a ball, hop, or reception, as they might deem best, the proceeds of which should be for the benefit of the suffering poor of the

Phis statement was received with enthusi astic pplause by the ladies, who proceeded at ones to perfect an organization to take charge of the affair. Mrs. Carlisle, the wife of the speaker, was chosen as president; Mrs. Cannon, the wife of the Illinois representative, secretary; Mrs. Wm. B. Shaw. corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Dr. Flint, treas-urer. After some discussion, it was decided that the proposed cuterisinment should take the shape of a pound porty, and the guests be notified that contributions of all sorts, from a pound of tea to a ton of coal or a pound sterling, would be received and de-voted to the relief of the distressed. Cards of invitation will be issued, and the date of the entertainment fixed for Friday, the twenty-fifth instant. Dancing will begin in the main dining room of the hotel at 9 o'clock This will be the third of such char itable enterprises that has been inaugu-rated by mine host Spofford and the lady guests of the Riggs within the past few years. Upon a former occasion over \$500 in cash and nearly \$500 worth of provisions were contributed, beside a quantity of cloth-ing and other useful articles. The ladies in ing and other useful articles. The ladies in charge of the pound party declare that they mean to make the proceeds to be derived from it uzefed anything herotofore accomplished by such an agency for the hely cause of char-

ity. "For sweet charity's sake," were the signifirorswert charity sake, were the signal-cant words that headed a series of invitations for the literary and musical entertainment last night in the largest parier of the National hotel. The long room was brilliantly illust-nated, and the programme was remered from and imprompts stage at one end. The many literated in it were Mrs. Bodish, Miss Ida K. Hinds of New York, the St. Cecelia quartette, Little Georgicte Rose, Mrs. Charles Dean, Mr. S. F. Conover, Mrs. Powell, the popular Washington contraits; Hon. James H. Biount, Mr. Clarence Du Four, Master Charley Bayley, Mr. Trudale, and Prof. Bischoff. The affair was a perfect success, which is due to the following committee of indies, through whose efforts it was gotten up: Mrs. William Springer, chairman of meeting; Mrs. I. Hill, chairman of committee; Mrs. Bagley, Mrs. Blount, of Georgia Mrs. Raynor, Mrs. Chamberlain and daughter, and Mr. Tenney.

Among the guests present were Hon. William M. Springer. Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Blount, in Georgia 182-27. The schedules of william carried, also filed, show the condition of nis personnel can be as filed by the limiting actual sasets, \$12,802, nominal ansets, \$12,802, actual assets, \$12,902. ladies present were attired in bright evening

of Georgia; Mrs. George F. Chamberlain, Hon. J. P. Leedom, sergeant-at-arms of the house; Hon. Mr. Nelson, Hon. Mr. Cobb, Lieut, Merry, U. S. N.; Hon. Mr. Tulley, Mrs. J. J. Connor and daughter, Gov. Wakefield, Hon. D. W. Smith, Hon. J. B. Grinnell, Hon. Mr. Scales and Mrs. Scales, Hon. Mr. Luna and Mrs. Luna, Hon. Mr. Dunn and Miss Fussell, Gen. Armstrong and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Voorhees, son of the senator. It has not yet been decided how the proceeds will be distributed.

The treasurer of the charity committee has reported the following cash receipts to

The treasurer of the charity committee has reported the following cash receipts to the charity fund since the last report: Already reported, \$1,970.60; cash, \$100; Harry M., 50 cents; Lizzie K., 25 cents; Grace Aquilar lodge, 117, I. O. B. B., \$10; J. Jay Gould, \$5; Henry Franc, \$10; St. Paul's English Lutherau church, \$50; Mount Vernon Place church, \$100; Edward Temple, \$50; C. A. James, \$50; Henry Polkinborn, \$10; Dr. Smith Townsend, \$25; Chr. Henrich, \$25; Seaton Perry, \$25; Fred Bates, \$10; John A. Baker, \$50; C. B., \$5; Jenny A. Girard, \$50; Charles E. Foster, \$25; R. Ross Perry, \$10; Campboll Carrington, \$10; O. S. B. Wall, \$5; Dr. De Witt C. Patterson, \$3; Allan M. Lane, \$50; Henry A. Millard, \$25; Mrs. Frank Taylor, \$25. Total, \$2,090.35. Subscriptions unpaid, \$155. unpaid, \$155.

THE MARYLAND SENATORSHIP.

Commencement of the Voting in the Legtslature Vesterday.

Annapolis, Jan. 15.—The legislature today voted for a United States senator to succeed Hon, James Black Groome, whose term expires on the fourth of March, 1885. The house of delegates consists of 63 democrats and 28 republicans, and the senate, 14 demoerats and 12 republicans-making the total

crats and 12 republicans—making the total joint vote of the general assembly 117, necessary to an election 59 votes.

The vote in the house stood for James Black Groome (dem.), of Cecil, 17; John M. Robinson (dem.), Queen Anne's, 18; Philip F. Thomas (dem.), Talbot, 14; E. K. Wilson (dem.), Worcester, 9; Thomas J. Keating (dem.), Queen Anne's, 8; Charles T. West-cott (rep.), Kent, 20; J. A. J. Creswell (rep.), Cecil, 3.

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Robinson, 6; Thomas, 1; Wilson, 3; Robert B.
Dixon (dem.), Talbot, 5; Westcott, 2; Croswell, 2.

There were three absentees from the house and three from the senate. All the candi-dates voted for reside in counties on the Eastern Shore, an old inw of the state requir-ing that the senator to be chosen at this election shall be a resident of that section. This peculiar old law of Maryland, providing that one of the United States senators of the state shall be selected from a particular locality, has always been faithfully observed by the legis-

Unveiling of Senator Morton's Statue. Indianapolis, Jan. 15.—The city to-day was full of visitors who came to attend the ceremonies incident to the unveiling of the statue of the late Senator Morton. Speeches were delivered and other exercises held in English's opera house. Ex-Secretary of the Navy Thompson, ex-Senator McDonald, and others delivered orations. The statue was unveiled at the conclusion of the expression in the overa house.

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Immediately following the conclusion of
the exercises at the opera house the assemblage adjourned to Circle park, in the center
of which the statue is piaced. The monument
was enveloped in the national colors, if he
cord releasing the same and revealing the
statue was placed in the hand of O. P. Morton,
the 9-year-old grandson of the senator, and
at a signal was drawn up by the child, when
the colors fell and the statue was exposed to
the gaze of the throng.

The statue is of bronze, and weighs 2,100
points. The figure is 8 feet 6 inches high,

pounds. The figure is 8 feet 6 inches high, resting on a bronze base 6 inches high and a pedestal of granite 8 feet high. The statue was designed and executed by Franklin Simmons. The monument cost\$12,500, every cent of which is paid, the money having been raised by popular subscription.

Washington Gets Some of It.

opecial Disputch NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 15 .- The following are the numbers which drew the principal prizes in Dukes's hand?
in the Louisiana lottery to-day: No. 31,993 draws first capital prize of \$75,000, sold in New York and Petersburg, Va.; No. 20,006 draws second capital prize, \$25,000, sold in Washington, D. C., and Chicago; No. 85,176 draws third capital prize, \$10,000, sold in Detroit, Mich.; Nos. 12,144 and 64,253, each \$5,000, sold in Rell's, Texas, and Piaquemine, La.; Nos. 16,847, 43,648, 72,960, 93,868, and \$9,669, each \$2,000, sold in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Nashviile, Tenn.; Vicksburg, Miss.; Dennisan, Ohio; Kosciusko, Miss., and Carden's Bottom, Ark.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Jan. 15.-Notices have been posted up in the three mills of the Social Manufacturing company, the largest cotton corporation in Woonsocket, of a reduction in wages to take effect on and after Feb.

1. The reduction will be about 12 per cent.
The rubber works here and in Millville, employing 1,500 hands, commenced running on half time to day.

Death of a Most Benevolent Lady. MALDEN, Mass., Jan. 15,-Mrs. Valeria Stone died here this morning from the effects of a fall four weeks ago. During the past few years Mrs. Stone gave to colleges and schools for girls over \$400,000.

New York Public Works to be Investigated ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 15,-The assembly has authorized the appointment of a special committee to make an investigation of the de partment of public works of New York city.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

-The steamer from Siam, with Barnum's white elephant on board, has arrived at Liverpool. -The trustees of the Worcester (Mass.) Agricul-ural society have voted to invite the New Eng-end society to hold its annual exhibition there lext September.

-Michael Scinira has been sentenced by Judge Coxe in the United States courts, Brooklyn, to none years in the Auburn prison for passing counterfeit money.

-William Forrestal, of Buffalo, N. Y., a rough, bit almost the entire lower lip off an old sporting man named led Ball in a row. Forrestal is hid-ing from the police.

—It was runned on 'change in New York yes-ering that several large grain houses are in a larky condition, and that one of the principal ues is only putting up half margins. -The annual report of the commissioners state

that deposits in savings banks in Mussachusett are \$252,637,586; an increase of \$11,286,289 over last year, and an increase of \$2,92 depositors. —A new business organization, to be known as the New York Roal Estate and Traders' Exchange, ins been started, and in certificate of incorpora-tion filed. Officers for the first year have been

—G. T. Comins, manufacturer of bods and cra-dles, and also contractor to the labor of prison convicts in Concord, N. H., has assigned, and a large number of attachments into boot made: His liabilities will probably exceed \$50.000.

—At a meeting of the classes of the general synod of the deformed Dated church in New York the committee on church extension reported in favor of the sale of the church property at Richmond, Staten Island, as the clutter there was displated and in debt. The dots is to be liquidated with the proceeds of the sale.

JAMES NUTT'S TRIAL.

No Diminution in the Number Seeking Admission to the Court Room.

The Witnesses Testifying for the Prosecution and Their Evidence.

A Youthful Witness and the Straightforward Story Which He Told.

The Prosecution Closed-Sympathy Shown for the Prisoner.

Pririshung, Jan. 15.-The second day of the Nutt trial made no diminution in the number of persons seeking admission. When the court opened the prisoner was brought in and took a seat beside his counsel. Mrs. Nutt and her daughters were present, closely veiled. Senator Voorbees was also on hand and will assist counsel for the defense. John Boyle, esq., of Fayette county, made the opening argument for the prosecution and opening argument for the prosecution and outlined the case. The first witness, John D. Boyd, festified that he was a civil engineer. He presented plans of the ground where Dukes was killed, and, by permission of the court, explained the point likely to be brought out in evidence and thus save time. The plans were closely examined by the lurors and the witness was examined more minutely than if he had here under the care of the care. be had been under the care of the court,

Wallace Melle was the next witness, Wallace Melle was the next witness. He was a resident of Uniontown, and an intimate acquaintance of the prisoner. He described the manner of the shooting, and expressed the belief that Nutt fired the fatal shot. He told how Dukes was standing when he was shot, and the appearance of the body when the effects of the bullets were discovered.

Thomas S. Bell testified that he witnessed

Thomas S. Bell testified that he witnessed the shooting, and knew Dukes and Nutt. He told the story of the killing, as already published, and pointed out the localities necessary to be known in order to make the testimony intelligent. After the first shot Dukes started to run, closely pursued by Nutt.

Officer Pegg, of Unioutown, who arrested Nutt after he had shot Dukes, said he saw Dukes and Nutt come around the postoffice corner, walking first or running. He heard one shot and saw the fiash before he saw Dukes, Nutt following with a revolver in his hand pointed at him. A second shot was fired as Dukes came around the corner and a third shot as he entered the postoflice. When he as Dukes came around the corner and a third shot as he entered the postofilee. When he arrested Nutt the latter said: "Here, take it, and take me to jail as quick as you can." After starting to jail Pegg said: "Jim, you have killed Dukes and, I think, another man." "I am sorry for the other man," said Nutt, "but Dukes I could not help." He gave me another revolver, a self cocking and very large one.

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In cross examination Pegg said that nobody clee was shot when Dukes was. The revolver was then exhibited, and while it was being shown it was curious to see how the ten or fifteen ladies present craned their necks forward to get a look at the weapon.

Ex-Coroner Sturgeon said: "When I arrived the body of Dukes was lying in the postoffice, with three bullet holes in the back. One ball lodged in the heart." He extracted

One ball lodged in the heart." He extracted these balls from the body, which were pro-duced and shown to the jurymen. Witness said the bullets no doubt produced death.

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Cross-examined by Mr. Playfield: "What
did you find on Duke's body?"
Mr. Patterson objected to the question, and
the court sustained him, and said that only matter relating to the killing was pertinent.
John Wyatt and Alfred Ansell were also
examined, but their testimony did not ma-terially differ from that of the other witnesses. The latter said that when Nutt was arrested he did not struggle, but quietly went with

Cross-examined: "Did you eversee a pistol objected, and the court su

tained him.

A recess was then taken for dinner.

When the court resumed this afternoon
Henry Meyer testified to sucing Nutt shoot
Dukes. The testimony, however, was substantially the same as had been given by those preceding him.

Henry Diffendifer testified that when Nutt-was arrested he looked wild with passion. He was coloriess and much excited. George Scaton, Luke Frazier, Arthur Strickler, Samuel Gold, and Charles H. Bier-rer supported the other witnesses as to the

manner of the shooting.

John Messmore, a little pale-faced boy, said he was 9 years old. He knew how to read, but did not 90 to church. He said telling an untruth would send him to "the bad place." He was sworn by the judge himself. He said he remembered the killing of Dukes on the afternoon of the day of the killing was at Nutt's house playing with Willie Nutt, a boy of his own age. He saw and heard some shooting done; saw Jim Nutt shooting at a board with his Uncle Steve. shooting at a board with his Uncle Steve. The board was against the carriage house door. They were a short distance away. Some other man the boy did not know was with the uncle and Nutt. They had two pistols. Both men used the same pistol. They shot four or five times and hit the board shot at. After they got through shoot-ing Jim went into the house and his Uncle Steve went home. Just before leaving Uncle Steve told him not to fail. This was all witness heard. The boy's story was told very straightly and without a break He was not cross-examined.

George Grimes said he owned a strawberry patch opposite Nutt's residence, and on the afternoon of the day Nutt shot Dukes wit-ness heard shooting on the Nutt property, Mesers. Playford and Swartzwelder objected to this evidence, but the court thought it en-tirely competent. Witness said he saw James Nutt, a small boy, and a man. Jim and the man were examining something. Anderson Craft also heard shooting at Nutr's on the af-

ternoon of the Killing of Dukes. Upon going to Nutt's spring for water witness noticed some men and little boys there. some men and little boys there.

Harvey Coburn heard shooting in the neighborhood of NutUs stable, and, upon looking up, saw two or three men and a little boy. After the men shot they would go for-

ward and examine the effect of the shots.

Ex-Sheriff Hoover said he had a conver-sation with Nutt in jail the night of the shooting. Nutt asked if there was much ex-citement and if anybody else was hurt. Witness told him no other person was hurt. Nutt said he was giad of it, as he would have Wirness told him no other person was hurt.
Nutt said he was glad of it, as he would have been sorry if any other person than Dukes had been injured.

Miss Gardner, a Catholic, at the Ascension Putt and returned to the white house so soon after the death of his been injured.

agreed to hold the case over, provided they were permitted to produce four or five more witnesses who were not present to-day, During the trial the prisoner indulged m an occasional derisive smile, as certain witnesses testified regarding Nutt's pistol practice just prior to Dukes oceant. The cause of the derision was the care taken by the presention to prove there had been not attempt to conceal Nutt's intention to shoot Dukes. Furing the atternoon something in the evidence of young amn, some or wined are James Nutt's irlends, touched Lizzio Nutt, and for some time she cried quietly.

The defense claim to be well satisfied with the case made out by the presention. The proof of the killing is regarded by them as more a matter of form than anything else, and the circumstances surrounding the killing they consider they have in as favorable light as they possibly

could be. In allowing their witnesses to tell how James Nutt told the police officers that he shot Dukes because he could not help it, the commonwealth is generally regarded as having made a great blunder, as they have shown the existence of emotional insanity or an uncontrollable desire to kill, which will be the line of the defense.

THE VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

A Two-Thirds Majority Secured by the Bourbons, and the Methods by Which It Was Obtained.

Frecial Dispatch.
RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 15.—The committee on elections to-night decided in favor of unseating Hubbard, senator from Buckingham, on the grounds that an error, committed by a bourbon judge of election, vitiated the polls at one precinct. This judge of election wrote to the chairman of the committee that it would be infamous to unseat Hubbard for such cause, and that he would never again for such cause, and that he would never again vote for the party guilty of such a crime, but the committee has gone so far that they are afraid to halt. The new senator from Greens-ville was seated to-day. The senator from Portsenouth was not admitted, and the bourbon straightout contests his seat. In the case of Delegate Franklin from Appoinstox, whose seat is contested by Robertson, John W. Daniel, counsel for the latter, said in response to the assertion that the committee had no precedent for unseating Franklin, that the bourbon party ought to have the honor of establishing the precedent; that if there was no law to justify to have the honor of establishing the precedent; that if there was no law to justify it, that still it ought to be done, for the time had come when the intelligent people of 'Virgions should rule. The evidences in the case was the allegation that some persons believed that other persons, who were not entitled to vote, had voted for Franklin. There was no direct evidence. Daniel was chairman of the committee on elections in the colorinal case of Eval. elections in the celebrated case of Brad-ley Johnson against Knight, and his rulings there were directly in opposition to his views now. The people are astonished at the actions of the legislature, forgetting, how-ever, that lying and murder to secure them power must be followed by supplementary crimes. The bourbons now have their coveted two thirds majority.

A Collision at Sca.

NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 15 .- The British bark Matilda C. Smith, from Rotterdam for New York, with a cargo of rags and barrels, arrived in port this morning in distress, and reports as follows: Thursday night last, the tenth instant, when 450 miles southeast of Cape Henry, the night being a bright moonlight one, the bark was run into by the British steamship J. M. Lockwood, Capt. Bayley, from the Mediterranean, with iron ore for Philadelphia, and lost her head gear, foremest, main top gallant mast, bestde damaging her main mast and sails. The Lockwood staid by the bark all night and did everything possible to render assistance, and the following morning took her in tow and brought her into Hampton roads, arriving last night. The second officer of the steamer was on watch at the time of the collision, and reported that no one on board saw the bark until the acci-dent occurred. The steamship had her quarter rail carried away, and sustained some damage to her main rigging, but proceeded on her voyage. A survey was held to-day on the bark. the time of the collision, and reported that

Another Comet Discovered. Boston, Jan. 15 .- A cable dispatch to the Harvard observatory announces the discovery at Melbourne, Australia, on Jan. 12 of a comet. Its position that date was (Green-wich noon) right ascension, 21 hours and 40 minutes; declination south, 40 degrees and 8 minutes. The comet was apparently of small size and was moving rapidly to the southeast-

KEY WEST, FLA., Jan. 15 .- A small comet is visible here, bearing west 40 degrees from the horizon.

Philadelphia's Committee of One Hundred. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15 .- At a special this afternoon the report of the executive committee was adopted renominating John Hunter for receiver of taxes and indorsing Samuel G. King for mayor should be receive the democratic nomination. Messrs. Hunter and King now hold respectively the offices

A Newspaper Man Garroted.

BOSTON, Jan. 15 .- Still another case of garroting occurred early this morning, the victim being Patrick H. Brickley, a newspaper correspondent of Louisville, who was violently assaulted in Williams' court, within st of the Herald office, and robbed of a small sum of money.

Payne Elected. COLUMBUS, OHIO, Jan. 15.-In the house to-day the ballot for United States senator was taken at 11 a. m. It resulted: Payne, 54; blank, 39; Foster, 2. In the senate the vote was: Payne, 22; blank, 8—all republicaus, no one voting for Foster. Payne was declared

A Postoffice Robber Sentenced.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 15.-Charles Williams vas to-day, in the United States circuit court, sentenced to three years in the New Hamp-shire state prison for robbing the postoffics at Glyndon, in Baltimore county.

WHITE HOUSE OCCUPANTS.

Reminiscences of Administrations of the Past-Social Observances.

Correspondence in Cleveland Leader. President Harrison was 68 when he came to Washington to act as president. His wife

was sorry when he was nominated, and did not want to come. He died too soon to show what kind of a social president he would have made. Tyler, who succeeded him, seemed to have an alliance with death. He was made governor of Virginia by the death of the gov-ornor. He came to the senate through the death of a senator, and he was made president by the death of Harrison. Still he did not let death trouble him. It's first wife made things lively in the white bouse while she lasted, and when she died he stretched her corpse out in the east room for the people to see it, and then consigned it to the grave. A short time after he slipped off to New York, and was quietly married to Nutr continued: "It had to be done; I did well have served for the marriage breakfast, it, and was prepared to do it."

The commonwealth here closed its case, made some changes in white house customs. and, upon request of counsel for the defense. At first he received on all days of the week, the case will go ever until to-morrow. The Then he set aside Thirstalays and Saturdays as court was then adjourned. The prosecution his receiving days. He started the Saturday agreed to hold the case over, provided they afternoon concerts on the white house

Cars Enveloped in Flames-Three Women Burned to Death-List of the Injured-

Other Fires. BRADFORD, PA., Jan. 15 .- A stream of waste oil flowing from a tank across the Bradford, Bordell and Kinsus railway, caught fire this morning as the passenger train from Wellsville for Bradford ran into it, and the train was immediately enveloped in flames. The track for fully 100 yards was covered with oil. It is believed that the gas coming in contact with the firebox of the engine exploded, firing the oil, and the flames, spreading on a hurricane's wings, enveloped the doored train in an instant in a blazing mass. So interes was the heat that the winthe doorsed train in an instant in a blazing mass. So intense was the heat that the windows cracked and fell in in less time than it takes to write it. The passenger coach and bargago car were converted into a seething, hissing caldron of fire. It was a terrible moment. The ceach was filled with passengers and there was a rush for the doors, but the heat was so intense that the panic-stricken passengers were driven back and forced to jump through the window, landing in snow. A relief train with surgeons and cots was dispatched to the scene. Upon its arrival there a terrible sight presented itself. The passenger coach and presented itself. The passenger coach and the baggage car were a mass of smoking ruins. The engine lay on its back, having turned a complete somersault. It is definitely known that only three persons, all women, were burned to death—Mrs. L. C. Fair, of Kinsna Juuction. She was burned beyond recognition. Mrs. Fair was a young woman

recognition. Mrs. Fair was a young woman and had been married only two years. Her husband escaped by jumping through a window. Miss Katie Moran, of Allens, N. Y., a small station near Aiken. The body was burned almost to a crisp. Miss Moran was found hanging outside the coach, grasping the window sill. The other dead woman has not been identified. She was badly burned. The injured: Prof. Faught is not expected to live: Patrick Sexton, the engineer, was to live; Patrick Sexton, the engineer, was terribly burned about the face and hands; Mike Walsh, the fireman, was horribly burned about the face and arms; W. H. Belman, who jumped from the train, is injured internally; Jumpe from the train, is injured internately, Jerry Denegan, brakenian, had his hands badly cut; Charles Heidriche, express messenger, is burned about the hands; George McCartney, newsboy, was terriby burned about the head and hands, and is not ex-

McCartney, newsboy, was terribly burned about the head and hands, and is not expected to live—his hands are almost burned to a crisp; A. N. Carpenter, of Little Genessee, N. Y., had his face and left hand burned; Jerry Haggerty, of Cercs, N. Y., is hadly burned about the face and head; Mrs. Black, her daughter and son, of Aiken, were burned about the head and hands—Mrs. Black was the most severely burned; G. W. Van, wife, and son, of Indianapelis, were burned—the boy badly burned about the face and hands; John Kaloos, of Aiken, was terribly burned about the face and hands.

New York, Jan. 15.—A fire broke out early this morning in the five-story brick building No. 59 Duane street. The place is used as a storehouse for rags by George Schofield, who occupies every floor, renting out an office on the ground story to James Hennessy & Co., dealers in paper stock. The flames were extinguished after an hour's deluging the stock with water. Mr. Hennessy's loss was nominal. The loss of Mr. Schofield was placed at \$25,000; insured for \$16,750. Takloss on the building, which is owned by the Stewart estate, is not over \$2000. wned by the Stewart estate, is not over

Sr. Louis, Jan. 15.—Eight business houses, including some of the largest in the town, and several offices were burned at Neosho,

and several offices were burned at Noosho, Mo., Sunday afternoon. Loss, \$50,000.

A fire at Seligman, Mo., the same day destroyed \$25,000 worth of property.

PANAMA, via GALVESTON, Jan. 15.—Amercan dredge No. 2 was totally destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, \$150,000. The fire is supposed to have been of incondiary origin. The indirect loss to the canal company is considerable.

LANCASTER, PA., Jan. 15.—The tobacce warehouse of Leander T. Hensel at Quarry ville, this county, was destroyed by fire last night, together with its contents. The loss amounted to \$23,500; insurance, \$16,000. The warchouse was stored with a large quantity of tobacco of last year's crop.

Suicide of a Drummer. WATERTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 15.—George Mur-

atroyd, a commercial traveler fro York, committed suicide at the Woodruff house here this morning while temporarily

There will be a joint caucus of republican senators and representatives held in the house of representatives at 8 o'clock this evening.

HOW SHE KEPT THE SECRET.

A Woman Tells Her Husband About New Society. New York Morning Journal.

"We're bound to be equal to you men," said the Mason's wife; "we formed a secret society of our own last night." "Indeed !" said the worshipful master, com-

posedly; "then I hope, my dear, your project will be successful. Is it a benevolent society That's none of your buisness. It's a secre-

society, and we've sworn by solemn eath not to divulge anything relating to it." "Very good, my dear," observed the worship-ful master, returning to his paper; "I'm sure I do not wish you to violate your oath.

"It wouldn't matter if you did. I wouldn't. You keep your secret close enough—and to think of that stupid Mrs. Furbelow! she could recollect neither the grip nor the sign. It took us an hour to teach her. When I gave her the sign (suits the action to the word) she would make it this way, ha! ha! Her stupidity would have been exasperating if it hadn't been ridiculous, and as for learn if it hadn't been ridiculous, and as for learning the grip, why, she would have it that it was this way—give me your hand a minute—there, she would have it that way, while it was this way; and the password 'she couldn't keep it in her memory for two minutes. Over and over again I told her it was 'Be just and fear not,' and she would have it, 'Swear not at all,' or 'the unto others as you would he at all,' or 'Do unto others as you would be done by,' ha! ha! We almost despaired of getting it through her head. But we man aged to make her understand at last. Of yes, we are going to have a flourishing society

and we can be as secret about it as you men can be about yours."
Then the lady went off to attend to her household duties, and the worshipful master hid his face behind his paper and smiled.

Constitutional Questions. Chicago Tribune "I'd like for you to return my saw," said a

'Has I got yor saw?" "I suppose so, for you borrowed it." "An' ain't I dun fotched it back ?"

carpenter to a colored man.

'No; you haven't."
"Wall, I tell yer; I berrid dat saw 'fore d s'preme cou't knocked de socks offen de cibil rights bill. De law ez it stan's now says dat s white man ain't got no mosh rights den a nigger, in fack, dat da's jes' de same, habin right for right.

"That has nothing to do with my saw."
"De mischief it don't. Yer had a right ter len' it, didn' yer?"

"Of course I did."

Yas, wall, dat's one right, an' I has a right ter keep it, dat's anuder right. Good day, sah. Wheneber yer wanster discuss der const'ution o' de country blow yer bo'n an' I'll

Fair weather, preceded by local moves on the coast, mortherly shifting to westerly winds, generally higher barometer, slightly warmer in the extreme northern ction of New York, but generally cooler throughou

Yesterday's thermometer: 7 a. m., 33.00; 11 a. m., 5.2% 3 p. m., 30.4%; 7 p. m., 28.3%; 11 p. m., 26.80 naximum, 41.4%; minimum, 26.6%. Precipita gion, .62.

EGYPT IN DANGER.

A Report That a Sheik is Advancing to Join El Mahdi.

England to Send Re-enforcements to the Army in Egypt.

The New King of Annam's Professions of Respect and Devotion to the French Government,

Extensive Nihilist Plots-Celebrating the Treaties-Other Foreign News.

THE CONDITION IN CHINA. Pants, Jan. 15 .- Admiral Peyron, minister, has received the following telegram: "Ha-Noi, Jan. 8.—Since the capture of Sontay there have been fewer pirates near Ha-Noi and Hai-Phong. The black flags have burned several villages on the left bank of the Black river. We are making reconnaissances. The pirates threaten the province of Nam-Dinh, but Col. Brianval's columns are pursuing them everywhere."

M. Tricon is at Hue. Prime Minister Ferry has received the following telegram from M. Tricon, the French diplomatic representative in Annam: French diplomatic representative in Annam: Heg. Jan. 5.—The young king and the members of the council exercising the regency formally received me to-day. The ceremony was without precedon, and was conducted with oriental pomp. After salutations had been exchanged the king requested me to approach. He desired me to convey to the French government the assurance of his respect and devotion, and expressed a hope that the severity of the treaty stitutiations between the two countries would be mitigated. I assured the king of our sympathy and good will. The king was crowned under the name of Kier Pauc, which signifies the "height of felicity." The power is held by one of the regents, who was formerly a leader of the revolution. He is disposed to follow our counsels.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—Two attaches of the Chi-

PANIS, Jan. 15.—Two attaches of the Chinese legations to Spain and the United States are visiting England and France, and the Figure infers that their visit is connected with the offer of the government of the United States to mediate between France and China mean the Tongain question. upon the Tonquin question.

London, Jan. 15.—The Telegraph says it is

authorized to state that the Marquis Tseng is still awaiting instructions from Pekin.

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CAIRO, Jan. 15.—The economic committee recently appointed by the khedive recommends the discharge of fifteen hundred native officials. Abd-el-Kader, the minister of war, estimates that the evacuation of the Soudan will occupy seven months' time and involve an expenditure of £1,000,000.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—Advices received from Cairo state that a committee has been formed to protect commercial interests in the Soudan, and that the committee will address a petition to the khedive and to consuis general in Egypt protesting against the abandonment of the Soudan by the Egyptian government.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Cairo correspondent

of the Soudan by the Expytian government. London, Jan II.—The Cairo correspondent of the Standard says it is reported that the Sheikh Senoussi is advancing to join El Mahdi. If this report is true, Egypt is in the greatest danger, because the inducence of the greatest danger, because the influence of Senoussi extends along the whole north African shore provinces to Egypt, throughout the Syrian desert, and among the Arab triber bordering upon the Snex canal. From Tripoll to Dongola, or to Alexandria, is only lifteen to twenty days' camel march. It has been decided to raise a Turkish contingents, to be recruited principally in Albania, which shall form a third brigade of the Egyptian army. The officers are to be English.

The Press association states that the display of energy at the Woolwich arsenal, and the arrival there of immense stores, such as are required by an army on the march, have given rise to the belief that the English cabinet will soon decide to dispatch reinforcements to the army in Egypt. A mountain battery, pack saddles and harness for camels were shipped to Egypt to-day.

shipped to Egypt to-day. TRIAL OF THE DYNAMITERS. LONDON, Jan. 15.—At the Old Bailey to-day the trial of Woif and Bonderand for unlawfully being in possession of explosives was continued. After the hearing of evidence of detectives and of Leon Farrel , altas Kainborn, the French informer, which was mainly recapitulation of their statements madthe preliminary examinations before Judge Ingham in the Bow street court, the case was again adjourned.

EXTNESIVE NIBILIST PLOTS.

LONDON, Jan. 15 .- It is stated that the officials in St. Petersburg have ebtained possession of a letter in cipher which was found in the lodgings of a nihilist in London was had been closely communicating with ma-contents. The letter, it is believed adviss a simultaneous actack upon the Lingeror William of Germany and the czar of Russia. Sr. Perresnurg, Jan. 15.—The military tribunal has sentenced a number of public officials to terms of from eight to fift en months' imprisonment for matversation

LONDON, Jan. 15 .- An anarchist named Rahlsdorf has been arrested at Hamburg who is suspected of being the author of the attempt to blow up the office of the chief of police at Frankfort-on-the-Main on the night of

CELEBRATING THE TREATIES. Madrid, Jan. 15.—At a banquet given last evening to free trade leaders to celebrate the conclusion of commercial treaties between Spain and various countries, Senor Gomes, minister of foreign affairs; Senor Gallostra, minister of finance, and Senor Moret, minister of the interior, were present. speeches delivered great stress was laid upon the beneficial effect the provisional treaty made with America will have upon Spanish

In a conversation upon political affairs Senor Castelar said: "Like the majority of Spanish republicans, I am favorable to free trade as a means of improving our relations with Eugland, France, and the United States. These are our natural friends. The English speak-ing races on both sides of the Atlantic have no better friend in Europe than myself, even though I have sometimes dissented from their foreign policy.

A Land Swindler Arrested. BALTIMORE, Jan. 15 .- Romulus A. Bonhomum was arrested in this city to-day, charged with having swindled various persons in New

York city by pretending to sell them land in North Carolina at \$5 an acre, and recoiving one-half the purchase money. He was sent to jail for a hearing on Friday next, when his victims in New York will be present. The accused is an Italian, and is said to have been employed as a solicitor by the North been employed as a solicitor by the North Carolina Colonization society of New York.

Sudden Death of an Octogenarian.

HARRISON BURG, VA., Jan. 15 .- John H. Cordell, one of our most respected citizens, dropped dead of rhoumatism of the heart this evening while paring an apple after supper. He was about 80 years of age. Mr. Cordell was a leading republican.

Senator Allison Renominated.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Jan. 15 .- At a caucus of the republican members of the legislature to-night Senator Allison was renominated for United States senstor by acclamation and with much enthusiasm. He was excerted into the chamber, and delivered a brief al-

dress of thanks.